He also requested that an axnual allotment might be sanctioned for the improvement of communications in the taluk for some years to come and that the following roads be made cartable.—

1. The road from Mankombu to Anthinad *via* Piravithanom.

2. The road from Pinnakunad on the Irattupetta-Kanjirapalli road to the 7th milestone on the Lalam-Ponkunnom road which was cut by the people.

3. The village road connecting the Ettumanur-Lalam road with the Ettumanur-Kuthattukulam road.

4. The road from the 2nd milestone on the Lalam-Todupuzha road to Ramapurom *via* Yezhacheri.

5. The Lalam-Todupuzha road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

89. Conversion into a cart road of the existing village road from Kothamangalam to Vazhakulam *via* Varapatti and Enanallur.

Mr. Thariathu Kunjithomman (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) submitted that the means of communication in the interior of the taluk and in the northern *pakuthies* were very poor and that it was highly necessary that the village road connecting Kothamangalam with Vazhakulam market should be converted into a cartable road. The lands required for the road could be given free of cost and the people were also willing to contribute to the cost of making the road. The Member requested that the road might be made cartable even at the risk of postponing other works in the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

90. Improvement of the Dispensary building and the means of communication in the Todupuzha taluk.

Mr. K. Sankara Iyer (Member, Todupuzha taluk) mentioned the following as the urgent needs of the taluk:—

1. The construction of a bridge across the Todupuzha river.

2. The deviation of the roads to Minachil and Kuthattukulam so as to avoid the dangerous localities of Nellapara and Iruttuthodu.

3. The opening of a new road from Kothamangalam to Puzhaku.

4. The conversion, into a cartable road, of the existing village road between Vazhakulam and Kodikulam Kalavur.

5. The opening of a cartable road from Todupuzha to the Periyar river.

6. The digging of trenches to keep off wild elephants coming by Chennanar.

7. The assignment of the Kanniyelam tract in the names of the tenants on the same terms as those adopted for the registry of the Makarayelam tract in Peermade.

8. The conversion of the existing dispensary at Todupuzha into a hospital. The dispensary building was quite unsuitable for the purpose. The hospital could be conveniently located in the Forest Range office buildings and the Cardamom Bankshall building, the Range office being shifted to the Forest Bungalow. A few beds for in-patients could be provided in the present dispensary buildings.

Lastly, the Member urged the necessity for raising the assessment charged on rubber lands and for levying an export duty on rubber. It was further desirable that no land should, under any circumstances, be registered in the names of foreign capitalists. The policy of registering extensive tracts had likewise to be put a stop to, except in the case of swampy areas fit for paddy cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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